Demand of Grabarities in International Market

3272. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increasing demand in international market of Grabarites produced at Mangannapet Kodur in Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether our country is facing competition from Ghana; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey for Gold Mines/Kimberlite in Andhra Pradesh

3273. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has made survey for gold mines/kimberlite mines at Chigurukunta/Mallapukonda areas in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey and the probable date of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India have made survey only for Gold at Chigargunta and Mallappakenda areas in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh where a total of 4.18 million tonnes of ore with 4.6 grammes of gold per tonne and 0.65 million tonnes of ore with 4.3 grammes of gold per tonne respectively have been estimated. No survey for Kimberlite has been made in the said areas.

Additional Foodgrains to A. P.

3274. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memorandum/representation from the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanction of an additional two lakh tonnes of foodgrains for taking up food for work programmes in drought and flood effected areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for allotment of two lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains as additionality over and above normal allocations under National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for utilisation on drought relief works. The request of the State Government has not been agreed to as it has not shifted the allocations of foodgrains available under NREP and RLEGP for employment generation.

Rural Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh

3275. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural development programmes sponsored by